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Weekly Prairie Market Review

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ACTIVE DEMAND FOR PRAIRIE HAY AT TERMINAL AND SHIPPING  
POINT MARKETS.

Kansas City Market

Although buyers were somewhat more selective in their purchases, offerings of top quality prairie moved without delay at Kansas City during the week ending Aug. 5, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. In addition to the liberal open market purchases, local feeding interests received a large amount of prairie direct on contracts. Receipts on the team tracks totaled 35 cars, while 46 cars arrived direct. Most of the shipments were 15 to 18 tons, to take advantage of the reduced freight rates. Undercured, coarse or weedy prairie was slow sale and the close of the week found a few such cars unsold. The few cars of such hay which were sold during the week had to be discounted sharply. Sales: No. 1 and No. 1 Extra Green, 19 cars at \$8.50 per ton, less \$3 per car switching charges; No. 3, 1 car \$6; sample grade, distinctly poor quality, 1 car \$4 per ton. Prairie receipts at Kansas City during July totaled 102 cars, compared with only 10 cars in June and 126 cars in July, 1939.

Interior Producing Point Markets

A strong demand was evident for top quality prairie in southeastern Kansas throughout the week, with truckers paying from \$4.75 to \$6 per ton at the baler. This hay moved to the Kansas City district, to southern Iowa and to western Kansas. Carlot loadings were again large, with destinations in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa and Chicago. The northern markets showed a preference for "long" prairie hay of which there is an abundance this year because of ample rainfall up to a few weeks ago. Drought is beginning to show in some fields on thin lands and the hay is showing lower color. In spots where rain has fallen meadows show a rank growth, with yields of over two tons per acre reported numerous. One grower who farms 1,100 acres reported a yield of 150 tons from 55 acres in Anderson County. Dry weather has stimulated local feeding demand for prairie and up to \$7 per ton was paid for a few small lots, delivered. Due to the active demand for windrow prairie, very little hay has been placed in barn storage so far.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE  
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00

No. 2 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

